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Gateway Healthcare, Inc. Receives \$2 Million USDA Rural Development Loan to Purchase Property and Expand Services

WEST GREENWICH, RI - Congressman James Langevin joined Richard Leclerc, President of Gateway Healthcare, Inc., at Arcadia Children's Home today to celebrate the announcement of a \$2 million direct loan from USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development's State Director, David Tuttle said the loan will finance the residential counseling center's purchase of property and expansion of services.

Gateway Healthcare, Inc. is a network of behavioral and social service agencies that provide mental health, substance abuse treatment and social services for children, families and adults throughout Rhode Island. "The USDA loan provides Gateway with a cost effective scenario for purchasing property," said Rich Leclerc, President of Gateway Healthcare. "This loan will allow us to continue providing exemplary clinical care while enhancing the level of services to clients in need."

The \$2 million USDA Rural Development Loan will be used to purchase three buildings, two of which are currently leased by the healthcare group, on 71 acres in West Greenwich.

Gateway's network of agencies serve over 10,000 children, 5,000 adults, 1,500 adults with severe and persistent mental illness, and 1,000 children with severe emotional disorders. Gateway's services include licensed residential treatment programs, as well as a licensed alternative school for children with behavioral and emotional disorders called the Valley Community School which has campuses in Pawtucket, Cranston and Middletown. Gateway Healthcare also offers residential substance abuse treatment centers, apartments and group homes for adults with severe and persistent mental illness, and outpatient treatment centers that provide comprehensive mental health counseling, psychiatric assessments, emergency and crisis intervention, and substance abuse treatment for children, families and adults.

"Gateway provides invaluable assistance to many of the children and families of Rhode Island," said USDA Rural Development State Director, David Tuttle. "We were eager to participate in Gateway's expansion of services as we believe that their goals coincide with Rural Development's goals: investment in the future and a better quality of life."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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